

specific Reserve Bank in which the institution should hold stock or with which the institution should maintain reserve balances; and

(2) The agreed-upon location does not raise any significant policy issues.

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§ 265.6 Functions delegated to General Counsel.

The Board's general counsel (or the general counsel's delegee) is authorized:

(a) *Procedure*—(1) *Reconsideration of Board action.* Pursuant to § 262.3(i) of this chapter (Rules of Procedure) to determine whether or not to grant a request for reconsideration or whether to deny a request for stay of the effective date of any action taken by the Board with respect to an action as provided in that part.

(2) *Public meetings.* To order, after consulting with the directors of other interested divisions of the Board and the appropriate Reserve Bank, that a public meeting or other proceeding be held, under § 262.25 of the Board's Rules of Procedure (12 CFR part 262), in connection with any application or notice filed with the Board, and to designate the presiding officer in the proceeding under terms and conditions the General Counsel deems appropriate.

(3) *Designation of Board counsel for hearings.* To designate Board staff attorneys as Board counsel in any proceeding ordered by the Board in accordance with § 263.6 of the Board's Rules of Practice for Hearings (12 CFR part 263).

(4) *Oaths, depositions, subpoenas.* To take, or authorize designated persons to take, with the concurrence of the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, actions permitted under 12 U.S.C. 1818(n), 1820(c), and 12 U.S.C. 1844(f), including administering oaths and affirmations, taking depositions, and issuing, revoking, quashing, or modifying subpoenas duces tecum.

(b) *Availability of Information*—(1) *FOIA requests.* To make available information of the Board of the nature and in the circumstances described in the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information (12 CFR part 261).

(2) *Disclosure to foreign authorities.* To make the determinations required for disclosure of information to a foreign bank regulatory or supervisory authority, and to obtain, to the extent necessary, the agreement of such authority to maintain the confidentiality of such information to the extent possible under applicable law.

(3) *Assistance to foreign authorities.* To approve requests for assistance from any foreign bank regulatory or supervisory authority that is conducting an investigation regarding violations of any law or regulation relating to banking matters or currency transactions administered or enforced by such authority, and to make the determinations required for any investigation or collection of information and evidence pertinent to such request. In deciding whether to approve requests for assistance under this paragraph, the General Counsel shall consider:

(i) Whether the requesting authority has agreed to provide reciprocal assistance with respect to banking matters within the jurisdiction of any appropriate Federal banking agency;

(ii) Whether compliance with the request would prejudice the public interest of the United States; and

(iii) Whether the request is consistent with the requirement that the Board conduct any such investigation in compliance with the laws of the United States and the policies and procedures of the Board.

(c) *Bank holding companies; Change in bank control; Mergers*—(1) *Control determinations under section 2(g) of BHC Act.* To determine whether a company that transfers shares under section 2(g) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1841(g)) is incapable of controlling the transferee.

(2) *Control determinations under section 4(c)(8) of BHC Act.* To determine, or issue an order for a hearing to determine, whether a company engaged in financial, fiduciary, or insurance activities falls within the exemption in section 4(c)(8) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843(c)(8)), permitting retention or acquisition of control thereof by a bank holding company.

(3) *Notices under CBC Act.* To revoke acceptance of and return as incomplete

a notice filed under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) or to extend the time during which action must be taken on a notice where the General Counsel determines, with the concurrence of the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, that the notice is materially incomplete under that Act or Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225) or contains material information that is substantially inaccurate.

(4) *Tax certifications.* To make prior and final certification for federal tax purposes (26 U.S.C. (IRC) 1101-1103, 6158) with respect to distributions pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*).

(d) *Management interlocks*—(1) *General exceptions.* To grant exceptions from the prohibitions of Regulation L (12 CFR part 212) when the primary federal supervisor of the depository institution in need of management assistance approves.

(2) *Temporary exceptions.* To grant requests, after consultation with the Director for the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, for temporary director interlocks under Regulation L (12 CFR part 212) for newly chartered banks, banks in low income areas, minority banks, women's banks, organizations experiencing conditions endangering their safety or soundness, organizations sponsoring a credit union, and organizations that lose thirty percent or more of their directors or management officials due to changes in circumstances.

(e) *Consent enforcement orders.* With the concurrence of the director of the Board's Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation (or the Director's delegee):

(1) To enter into a cease-and-desist order, removal and prohibition order, or civil money penalty assessment order with a bank holding company or any nonbanking subsidiary thereof, with a state member bank, or with any other person or entity subject to the Board's jurisdiction, when the order has been consented to by the institution or individual subject to the order;

(2) To stay, modify, terminate, or suspend an order issued pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section.

(f) *International banking.* (1) With the concurrence of the Board's Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, to grant a request by a foreign bank to establish a branch, agency, commercial lending company, or representative office through certain acquisitions, mergers, consolidations, or similar transactions, and to file an after-the-fact application for the Board's approval to establish that office pursuant to § 211.24(a)(3) of Regulation K (12 CFR 211.24(a)(3)); and

(2) To modify the requirement that a foreign bank that has applied to establish a branch, agency, commercial lending company, or representative office pursuant to § 211.24(a) of Regulation K (12 CFR 211.24(a)) shall publish notice of the application in a newspaper of general circulation in the community in which the applicant proposes to engage in business as provided in § 211.24(b)(2)(ii) of Regulation K (12 CFR 211.24(b)(2)(ii)).

(g) *Conflicts of interest waivers.* To issue individual conflicts of interest waivers under 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(1) to employees and officials other than Board members.

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§ 265.7 Functions delegated to Director of Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation.

The Board's Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation (or the Director's delegee) is authorized:

(a) *Procedure*—(1) *Cease and desist orders.* To refuse, with the prior concurrence of the appropriate Reserve Bank and the Board's General Counsel, an application to the Board to stay, modify, terminate, or set aside any effective cease and desist order previously issued by the Board under section 8(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818(b)), or any written agreement between the Board or the Reserve Bank and a bank holding company or any nonbanking subsidiary thereof or a state member bank.